



In 2012, EMSC State Partnership - Regionalization of Care grant awarded to UNM Pediatric Emergency Medicine and the Center for Native American Health with Phase II of program expansion awarded June 1st, 2016.

- Implementing a regionalization model demonstrating partnerships and sharing of resources and services with children, families and communities in tribal, territorial, insular, or rural geographic areas including OK and WY.

What is Regionalization?

- “A process of organizing resources within a geographic region to ensure access to medical care of a level appropriate to a patient’s needs, while maintaining efficient use of available resources”
 - Right care, right place, right time.

New Mexico’s Program

Child Ready – Engaging communities to prepare for emergencies in children.

Mission Statement

Reduce pediatric morbidity and mortality by partnering with communities, facilities, and health care providers to ensure that they have the resources and capabilities to provide effective, culturally-appropriate care for ill and injured children, and by developing prevention strategies with each community.

The program will primarily focus on the following four areas of intervention:

1. Preparing communities to care for the ill or injured child
2. Preparing facilities to care for the ill or injured child
3. Preparing providers to care for the ill or injured child
4. Conducting prevention activities to reduce the number of ill or injured children.

How will this be accomplished?

- Site visits to each community to conduct focus groups and complete assessment templates for evaluation and implementation of a self-determining, sustainable Child Ready system in each community.
- On-going partnerships with Child Ready staff as welcomed.

Community Engagement

- Identify community Pediatric Champions, health care providers, school nurses, hospitals/clinics/EMS
- Schedule community and facility visits
- Arrange a meeting of facilitated discussion to gather opinions, beliefs and attitudes about CR issues through open dialog; Builds momentum; Opportunity for education.

Benefits

- Access to free educational products to providers of all levels to care for ill and injured children.
- Development or expansion of telehealth systems for bedside consultations with pediatric specialists, real-time nursing consults and education, as well as online pediatric medical direction for EMS services.
- Collaboration with community health care providers to create specific prevention activities.
- Potential help writing grants.
- Online resources and information at child-ready.org.

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